

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Giovanni CAPONETTI, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER:

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FOR: POWDER PARTICLES WITH SMOOTH SURFACE FOR USE IN INHALATION THERAPY

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/030,686, filed April 16, 2002, which was first filed as International Application No. PCT/EP00/06690, filed on July 13, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):

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Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

**COUNTRY**

Italy

**APPLICATION NUMBER**

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/030,686 filed April 16, 2002.

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

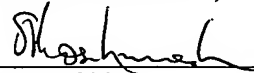
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